

Earth Day Celebration Hits The Capitol Complex April 21

A 'green' party to celebrate Earth Day will begin at 11 a.m. on April 21 on the south grounds of the Capitol. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Bureau of Waste Management is a major organizer of the event. The party will end at 2 p.m.

The celebration will include a large multi-station eco-fair with a variety of display stations. These exhibits will provide hands on opportunities to learn ways to help keep our environment and us healthy.



Some of the companies included in the displays are: Asset LifeCycle (and e-waste collection truck), Kansas Alliance for Wetlands & Streams – KAWS, Adopt-A-Highway – KDOT, Shawnee County Master Gardeners, Environmental Services – KDOT, Water Division - City of Topeka, Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education – KACEE, Keep America Beautiful, Bureau of Water – KDHE, Bureau of Waste Management – KDHE, Center for Public Health Preparedness – KDHE, Cancer Program – KDHE, Shawnee County Recycling Department (and Recycling drop-off container), Kansas Water Office, Water Pollution Control - City of Topeka, and Tobacco Use Prevention Program – KDHE.

A large can, plastic and paper (CPN) recycling roll-off bin, E-Waste collection truck, Band Shell and Kansas Don't Spoil It! trailer will be parked along 10th street. Booths will be set up on sidewalk areas from 'Pioneer Women' to Lincoln Memorial statues.

Also, Asset LifeCycle will have a collection station that will accept the following types of E-Waste:

- Servers
- Desktops
- Workstations
- Laptops
- Monitors
- Keyboards
- Printers
- Storage Equipment
- Telephony
- Switches
- Routers
- Controllers
- CD/DVD Drives
- Hubs
- Modems
- Bar Coders
- Labelers
- Peripherals
- Circuit Boards
- UPS
- Hand Held Devices
- Fax Machines
- Scanners
- Cell Phones
- Tape Drives
- Copiers
- Accessories

Many activities will occur during the three-hour event, regardless of rain or shine

Roderick Bremby, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will make opening remarks at noon along with other notable environmental leaders. Stan Slaughter, the Eco Troubadour, will perform a live concert about the values of saving our environment and protecting your personal health.

The party is open to everyone and free of charge. Local media will be hosting live remotes and serving up free healthy snacks while supplies last. Of course, recycling stations will be on-site to assist cleanup.

Car-pooling is encouraged and special parking is available for carpools and school buses making the trip downtown.

The Earth Day party schedule is:

11:00 a.m.

Multi-Station Eco Fair Opens

11:30 a.m.

Special Surprise Entertainment

11:45 a.m.

The 'Eco Troubadour' Stan Slaughter Concert Begins
(Watch for students on stage singing along!)

Noon

Welcoming remarks by Roderick Bremby, Secretary of KDHE and others

12:15 p.m.

Special recognition of Award winning Student Environmental Artist!

12:30 PM – 1:45 p.m.

Live Outdoor Concert resumes during exploration of the many learning stations

Event Closes at 2:00 p.m.